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UNV Umbrella Programme: Multisectoral Support to the Ministry of Local Government (PAK/90/021) and Rural Development and the Ministry of Women Development (PAK/90/022)

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	24 July 1991
Expected duration:	Four years
Proposed executing agency:	United Nations Volunteers (UNV)
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, and Ministry of Women Development
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$3 218 200 Source of funds: IPF
Total UNDP budget:	$3 218 200

Project background

In Pakistan, the majority of the people, about 72 per cent of the total population of 110 million live in rural areas where their quality of life has consistently lagged behind that of their counterparts in the cities. Furthermore, the availability of basic infrastructure and services varies from province to province. A significant disparity also exists between the status of men and women, with women having less access to education, health services and occupational opportunities. Despite the Government's continuous initiatives to improve the quality of life for people in both urban and rural areas and to integrate them into the mainstream of Pakistan's development activity, its efforts have not been able to bring about any significant changes to date. Moreover, there is an increasing awareness that development programmes can only yield positive and sustainable results through the integration of community participation and the strengthening of people's capacity to be responsible for their own development.

As a result of the success of participatory approaches utilized in ongoing programmes such as the Aga Khan Rural Support Programme and the Orangi Project, and in view of UNDP's keen interest and present focus on human development and poverty alleviation, the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development and

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the Ministry of Women Development approached UNDP to provide technical assistance for preparing and implementing projects with a participatory/community based approach. UNDP responded by fielding two missions which reviewed the prevailing situation and the Government's plans and strategy, including identification of the key bottlenecks and considerations that would provide greater outreach to the communities themselves, and in collaboration with the concerned Ministries, prepared a programme of assistance with the main focus on: (1) better managed and more efficient community organizations; (2) increased number of trained community workers and facilitators in the Government and in the communities; (3) a number of micro development projects identified; (4) enhanced capacity of federal and provincial technical line departments, provincial level NGOs and community organizations to utilize the participatory approach; and (5) increased co-operation between the Government, related line agencies and the communities in the planning, identification and implementation of similar projects.

Description of project

The long-term objective of the programme is to improve the quality of life for low-income families, especially women in rural and urban slums in the target areas by assisting them in forming community organizations, identifying their needs, and providing them with training in basic technical skills and resources for the implementation of small-scale development projects. To achieve this, two individual projects (programme elements) have been formulated. Initial efforts to organize community organizations will be limited to two provinces (Balochistan and the Punjab) and later extended to the other provinces. Three community groups will be established in Balochistan and 5 in the Punjab at the Union Council level. This activity will be carried out in close collaboration with local NGOs (TIBM in Balochistan and PASBAN in Punjab) and personnel in the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development at the Union Council and District levels. On the basis of the results of the initial activities in the two provinces, an integrated and comprehensive plan to amplify the extent of the Programme's impact nationally will be formulated.

Inputs

UNDP will provide the services of 33 UN volunteers, including two UNV project managers, provincial co-ordinators/management specialists and specialists in rural water supply, health extension, fisheries, social forestry, agricultural extension, cottage industry, etc.; 20 national professionals; five subcontracts for specific sector or area studies or surveys; group training and workshops; office and training equipment; vehicles; a revolving fund; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	2 387 400
Subcontract	25 000
Training	123 900
Equipment	269 200
Miscellaneous	162 700
Revolving Fund	250 000
Total	3 218 200

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